

House File 17 - Introduced

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BY GASKILL

A BILL FOR

1 An Act making certain students who open enroll to a school
2 district in a county contiguous to the school district of
3 residence eligible for transportation assistance.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 282.18, subsection 10, paragraph c, Code
2 2013, is amended to read as follows:

3 c. If the pupil meets the economic eligibility requirements
4 established by the department and state board of education, the
5 sending district is responsible for providing transportation
6 or paying the pro rata cost of the transportation to a parent
7 or guardian for transporting the pupil to and from a point on
8 a regular school bus route of a ~~contiguous~~ receiving district
9 that is contiguous to the sending district, or is located in
10 a county that is contiguous to the sending district, unless
11 the cost of providing transportation or the pro rata cost of
12 the transportation to a parent or guardian exceeds the average
13 transportation cost per pupil transported for the previous
14 school year in the district. If the cost exceeds the average
15 transportation cost per pupil transported for the previous
16 school year, the sending district shall only be responsible
17 for that average per pupil amount. A sending district which
18 provides transportation for a pupil to a ~~contiguous~~ receiving
19 district under this subsection may withhold, from the district
20 cost per pupil amount that is to be paid to the receiving
21 district, an amount which represents the average or pro rata
22 cost per pupil for transportation, whichever is less.

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EXPLANATION

24 This bill expands the responsibilities of a sending
25 school district for transporting or paying for the costs of
26 transporting pupils participating in open enrollment who meet
27 the economic eligibility requirements established by the state
28 board of education and the department of education. Currently,
29 the sending district's responsibilities are only to transport
30 or pay for such students who open enroll to a contiguous school
31 district. The bill makes the sending district responsible for
32 such students who open enroll to a district that is contiguous
33 to the sending district or is located in a county that is
34 contiguous to the sending district.